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DF International Class Association

Allocation of Places at DFICA Championships

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The Executive Committee has developed this standard framework for the allocation of places at DF Global Championships or other significant events arranged by the ICA.

The ICA shall use this method to allocate places for events organised by the ICA. The organising authority for these events shall accept entries for the events in line with this framework and the places allocated by the ICA for the event.

The ICA reserves the right to amend this process at any time. Any amendment shall come into effect on publication of the amended process.

Places are allocated to member nations through a 3-stage process as set out below.

The method by which member nations select competitors for those places is not defined, but member nations are encouraged to offer them to competitors based on their performance at events, regattas or series in the year preceding the championship to help ensure a high standard of sailing at the championship.

1. No less than 10 weeks prior to Stage 1 of places being offered the ICA shall request from the NCA representative or NCS the average number of national competitors who took part in the previous 2 National Championships held by member nations, counting only nationals or permanent residents, and excluding foreign entrants. This request will be made via an email to the NCA representative or NCS. Failure by the NCA or NCS to supply the information requested no later than 8 weeks before Stage 1 opens for entry will result in no additional places being offered to the NCA or NCS under clause 2.2.6 and 2.3.2.

2. Allocation of Places

The DFICA will advise member nations of their allocation of places based on the following criteria

- 2.1. 10 Wildcard places will be reserved for allocation by agreement between the DFICA and the Organising Authority.

2.2. Entry Stage 1

- 2.2.1. The ICA shall tell the NCS Representative or the NCS how many places have been allocated to them for Entry Stage 1 not less than 7 weeks prior to the opening of Entry Stage 1.

- 2.2.2. Entry Stage 1 will be open 7 months prior to the start of the event and will close after 1 month.
- 2.2.3. 1 place for the defending Global Champion from the previous Global Championship for that Class.
- 2.2.4. 2 places are allocated to each NCA or NCS registered and in good standing with the DFICA. In the event that there are insufficient places available to offer 2 to each NCA or NCS, the number of places for each NCA or NCS will be reduced to 1.
- 2.2.5. 2 additional places are allocated to the host nation.
- 2.2.6. Any remaining places will be allocated pro-rata to the member nations based on each countries' average starting entries at their two most recent national championships for that Class completed, using the information received as per clause 1 above.
- 2.2.7. No NCA or NCS shall be allocated more than 8 places under 2.2.6.
- 2.2.8. Entries shall only be accepted and confirmed once the entry fee has been paid to the organising authority.

- 2.3. Entry Stage 2
 - 2.3.1. Entries will be open 6 months prior to the start of the event and will remain open for 1 month.
 - 2.3.2. Any places not filled after Stage 1 (excluding Wildcard places) will be allocated pro-rata to member nations who took up their full Stage 1 allocation, based on those countries' average starting entries at their two most recent national championships for that Class completed, using the information received as per clause 1 above.
 - 2.3.3. No NCA or NCS shall be allocated more than 4 places under 2.3.2.
 - 2.3.4. Entries shall only be accepted and confirmed once the entry fee has been paid to the organising authority.
- 2.4. Entry Stage 3
 - 2.4.1. Entries open 5 months prior to the start of the event.
 - 2.4.2. Remaining places will be allocated to the organising authority for distribution as they see fit.
 - 2.4.3. Any of the 10 Wildcard places still available shall be allocated by agreement between the DFICA and the Organising Authority.
 - 2.4.4. Entries shall only be accepted and confirmed once the entry fee has been paid to the organising authority.